

Summer/Fall 2011 Programs

1851 Griffin Rd * Leesburg, Florida * Phone: 728-9885 * Fax: 326-6625 *
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:30p Please Note: Prices may be subject to change
Non-Residents Please apply a \$15 out of area service charge

PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

START SMART BASEBALL Ages: 3-5



Start Smart Baseball is a developmentally appropriate introductory baseball program for children 3-5 years old. The program prepares children for organized

tee ball, baseball, and softball in a fun non-threatening environment. Start Smart Baseball prepares children and their parents for organized baseball and softball without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Age appropriate equipment from Franklin Sports® and Hasbro® are used in teaching throwing, catching, batting, running, and agility. This program will meet on Monday or Wednesday nights at the Leesburg Gymnasium beginning June 6th. Cost is \$30 per person and registration begins April 4th until the class is full.

START SMART SOCCER Ages 3-5



Start Smart Soccer is a developmentally appropriate introductory soccer program for children 3-5 years old. The

program prepares children for organized soccer in a fun non-threatening environment. Start Smart Soccer prepares children and their parents for organized soccer without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Age appropriate soccer equipment from Kwik Goal® and Koosh® is used to teach kicking, dribbling, trapping, throw ins and agility. Class is limited to 20 participants so sign up early! The program will begin on August 31 and the cost is \$30. Registration is from June 27th to Aug 26th.

YOUTH SPORTS

Ages 5-9

T-BALL SPRING Ages: 5-6

This league is designed to teach the basics of hitting, throwing, etc. The class is about 5-6 weeks. Competition is not emphasized. Start date for this activity has been changed to the first week of June. Coaches will be calling players before the start of activity. Teams will be formed and begin practicing on June 9th. The Tball program will be on Tuesday & Thursdays. Cost for this program is \$25. Registration is from April 4th to June 3.

SOCCER PEE WEE Ages: 5-6

This program is designed to teach boys and girls the basics of playing soccer. Competition is NOT emphasized.



Players will learn the basics of passing, shooting, and dribbling. During the games players will play on small-sided teams to ensure everyone is part of the game. Practices and games will be at Sleepy hollow on Tuesday & Thursday beginning August 23. Cost for this program is \$25. Registration is from June 27th to Aug 11th.

FLAG FOOTBALL Ages 7-12

The City of Leesburg Flag Football is the premier youth football league for boys and girls ages 7-15. The program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. This program is designed to educate young people about football while emphasizing participation and sportsmanship. Players learn skills and

lessons that help them succeed both on and off the field. The purpose of our flag football program is to introduce children to the game with minimum body contact taking place. Players will learn the fundamentals. Examples include passing, running, blocking, and kicking in a fun environment. This league is designed for recreation and is to be played as a non contact sport. This will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings from 6:00p-8:00p and will begin on June 10. This program will be held at the Susan Street Complex. Registration is from May 1 – June 10. Fee is \$30 for residents or \$45 for non residents.

START SMART TENNIS Ages 5-8

Start Smart Tennis is a developmentally appropriate introductory tennis program for children 5-8 years old



This program targets parents who want to help their children, while building basic motor skills such as ground strokes (forehand and backhand), volleying, serving and running/agility that are needed to participate in organized tennis. It will teach parents the proper way to develop those skills with their children, while building the confidence which will enable them to enjoy participation in tennis programs. Class is limited to 16 participants so sign up early! The program will be at the Leesburg Gymnasium on Monday nights. The first night will be on July 18 and the cost is



\$30. Registration is from June 27th to July 18th.

START SMART GOLF Ages 5-8



Start Smart Golf is a developmentally appropriate introductory golf program for children 5-8 years old. It is a parent participation program for young children who have never played golf. Start Smart Golf teaches parents how to teach their child golf using fun, developmentally age appropriate equipment from SNAG® that can be used almost anywhere.

Start Smart Golf prepares children for traditional golf without the threat of competition or the fear of failure. Class is limited to 16 participants so sign up early! The program will be at the Leesburg Gymnasium on Wednesday nights. The first night will be on July 20 and the cost is \$30. Registration is from June 27th to July 20th.

POP WARNER FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING Ages 5-15

These programs will begin in August with practices at Susan Street Recreation Complex. Cost for this program is \$60.00. Additional Cheer Pride Packs will need to be purchased. Discounts will be given for multiple siblings. Travel will be required to some away games on Saturdays. Returning registration will be May 2nd – May 6th 8am- 5:30 pm. Open registration will be May 9th 8am – 5:30pm. Space is limited on each

Ages 13-15

BASKETBALL PREP SUMMER Ages: 13-15

The purpose of this league is to offer you the opportunity to participate and have fun in a structured sports program. We strive to offer programs that are well-organized, affordable and that offer quality facilities and officials. We realize that individuals and teams are interested in various levels of competition and we hope that the basketball league offers an outlet in which these can be fulfilled in a positive manner. We ask your assistance in helping us keep the activity in the proper perspective for the benefit



of all involved - players, officials and spectators. If you have any suggestions or recommendations that would contribute to the improvement of any of our activities, please feel free to contact office staff. The cost for this program is \$35. Games will be played on Monday nights at the Leesburg Gymnasium starting April 25. Registration is from February 1st to March 31st.

BRITISH SOCCER CAMP Ages 4-16

The British are coming back! The Leesburg Parks & Recreation Department announces that registration for the 2011 Challenger British Soccer Camp is now being accepted. The camp will be held July 11th – July 15th. Ages for the camp include 6 – 16 year olds as well as a Mini camp for 4-5 year olds. This camp continues to be the most popular summer soccer camp around. All coaches are from England and are top notch! Do not miss this great soccer and cultural experience!! The fee for the weeklong camp is \$115.00 /\$95 for the mini camp, and includes a leather soccer ball, camp T-shirt, and an individual skills evaluation for each participant. Receive a free Jersey if you register online at www.challengersports.com before May 27. Registrations have begun so sign up and reserve your spot!! Coaches Hosts Needed.



LESSONS

TENNIS LESSONS

Adult Lessons will be taught at Palmeto Street Complex taught by Ted Chapman. Youth Lessons will be taught at Susan Street Courts by Andrew Connett. Please call our office for class times (728-9885).

ADULT SPORTS

SOFTBALL SUN REC TOURNAMENT

Tournament Dates: Saturday, June 4, 2011,. Games will start at 9am.
ROSTER: Limit 20 Players.
LOCATION: Sleepy Hollow Complex
ENTRY FEE: \$225.00 per team

ENTRY DEADLINE : Wed, June 1th.
Entry Fee must accompany Entry Form/Roster.

DRAW AND GAME TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED on Friday June 3 @ 12:00pm, please stop by or call the recreation department for game times.

ADULT GOLF LEAGUE

The first session of our summer golf league will be played for six (6) consecutive weeks on Tuesday afternoons. Registration is taken by teams, which consist of four (4) players each. The format for this league is a nine (9) hole scramble. Team fee is \$40 . Post season awards & banquet will be held after play on the sixth (6th) week. Free agent list is available for single players. This league will be played at Arlington Ridge golf Course. Arlington ridge greens fees each week for each player is \$10. Registration ends on Friday prior to the next session start date.

Session 1 starts May 24th
Session 2 starts July 12
Session 3 starts August 30

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL FALL

Coed Volleyball will be comprised of teams of 6 people playing on the court at a time. We will be available to sign up for the Coed A League or the Coed B League.



Each team must have two women players on the court at all times. A League Teams are reserved for the more experienced teams that are looking for very good competition. The B League is for teams looking for a fun recreational volleyball League. Players must be 16 and older to be eligible to play. The games will be played at the Leesburg Recreational complex Gymnasium on Thursday nights. Teams are required to purchase their own Uniform shirts with numbers on the back. Registration fee is \$150 plus \$25 per player fee which is due by June 17. The league will begin June 23. Managers meeting will be on May 5th. 6:30pm at the Leesburg Gym.

ADULT FALL SOFTBALL

A Manager Meeting will be held on September 13th, 6:30pm at the Cultural Arts Building. Fall softball will include Men's Only, and a Mixed/Coed Leagues. All Managers and or free agent players are asked to attend the managers meeting. Team fees will be \$150 per team and \$25 per player (additional \$15 if the player is not a resident of the City of Leesburg). Registration begins September 13 and will last until October 19. Games will begin week of October 24.



ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUES

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AQUATICS

OPEN SWIM

The season opening for Venetian Gardens and H.O. Dabney pool will be May 28 – September 4.

May 28 – June 12 (Weekends only)

Monday – Friday 2 pm – 5 pm

Saturday & Sunday – 1pm – 6pm

LAP SWIM

Monday – Friday 12p – 2p Venetian Gardens Pool

POOL RENTALS

Call for Availability (352) 728-9885



SWIM LESSONS

Group swim lesson information is listed below;. For more information please call our office staff at 352-728-9885.

Registration will open on the first date of placement at Venetian Gardens. Participant needs to come prepared to enter the pool. The cost for group lessons is \$25. (Non Leesburg Resident Fee does apply) Lessons are for 30 minutes,

Monday – Friday for 3 weeks.

Morning time slots are –

8:30, 9:10, 9:50, 10:30

Evening Time Slots –

6:00, 6:40, 7:20

Session 1: June 13-July 1, Placement is Saturday, May 28, from 9 am - 11 am at Venetian Gardens. Registration begins May 28 thru June 6.

Session 2: July 11-July 29, Registration & Placement: is Saturday, July 2, from 9 am - 11 am at Venetian Gardens.

Session 3: August 1 – August 19, Placement is Saturday, July 30, from 9 am - 11 am at Venetian Gardens

Swim Levels:

Infant/Parent Level (IP: 6m-36m) - Parent/adult accompaniment in the water is required. Infants will learn water adjustment skills, front kick, prone glide, underwater exploration, back float, prone position movement, rolling over, and water exiting all with the assistance of the parent/adult.

Preschool Level (PS: 3-5) – These American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Preschool Lessons are split into three skills levels: **Preschool A** - Water Exploration, **Preschool B** - Primary Skills and **Preschool C** - Stroke Readiness. The objective is to help students feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy water safely. Elementary aquatic skills such as floating, kicking and putting their face in the water will be taught.

Level I - Water Exploration (L1). The objective of this level is to help students feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy water safely. Elementary aquatic skills such as floating, kicking and putting their face in the water will be taught.

Level II - Primary Skills (L2). Students learn to float without support and to recover to a vertical position. This level also marks the beginning of true locomotion skills, using arms and legs, and adds to the self-help and basic rescue skills begun in Level I. Participant must pass Level I in order to sign up for this class.

Level III - Stroke Readiness (L3). Students learn to coordinate front and back crawl. Elementary backstroke is introduced and the fundamentals of treading water. Participant must pass Level I and Level II in order to sign up for this class.

Level IV - Stroke Development (L4). Students will better develop their backstroke and front crawl. We will introduce the elementary backstroke, breaststroke, and changing directions swimming on the wall. Participant must pass Levels I, II and III in order to sign up for this class.

Level V - Stroke Refinement (L5). Students will better develop their backstroke, front crawl, elementary backstroke, and breaststroke. We will introduce the butterfly kick, open turn on front, open turn on back. Participant must pass Levels I, II, III and IV in order to sign up for this class.

Adult Beginner - In these lessons instruction and format will be based on each individual's abilities and will be tailored to the individual's needs and swimming goals. Participants will meet with the instructor on the first day and discuss their abilities and with the instructor will determine their swimming goals and the format designed to achieve those goals for the three week class.

PARKS & FACILITIES

Leesburg Recreational Complex is located at 1851 Griffin Rd. This facility is where the Recreation offices are housed along with an indoor Basketball/Volleyball gymnasium and an outdoor basketball court. To contact the Recreation Offices call (352)728-9885.

Venetian Gardens is located at 109 East Dixie Avenue. This is a family park with picnic areas. There is a Gazebo with a beautiful surrounding area that is available for weddings. In addition, a regulation size pool with a bathhouse. The pool is available for parties. For more information, contact the Recreation and Parks Department.

Venetian Cove Marina is located at 250 Ball Park Road. This marina has boat slips, dry storage, ramps, canoe rentals and access to Lake Harris. For more information, call 728-9870.

Rogers Park is located at 610 South Ninth Street. This facility is a family park with pavilion area and wonderful playground. Enclosed picnic facility can be reserved through the Recreation and Parks Department.

Boy Scout Hut is located at 610 South Ninth Street.

Singletary Park is located at 1902 South 14th Street. This facility has a public pier, parking facility, and a boat ramp with access to Lake Harris.

Herlong Park is located at 700 East North Boulevard. This facility has a picnic area, historical train, public pier, boat ramp with access to Lake Griffin and parking.

Berry Park is located at 2121 Johns Avenue. This facility is a family park with a ¼ mile walking path, a beautiful fountain, picnic pavilion and a children playground.

John L. Johnson Park is located at 205 Mills Street. This facility has colorful youth playground equipment and two basketball courts.

Fountain Lake Park is located at 600 West Meadow Street. This facility has a walking trail around a serene lake with a beautiful fountain, covered picnic tables, and Tot-Lot playground.

Corrine Williams Park is located at 2141 Woodland Boulevard. This facility has youth playground equipment and a basketball court.

Sleepy Hollow Recreation Complex is located at 2775 Hollow Lane. This facility has 4 adult softball fields, 2 Babe Ruth baseball fields, 2 girls fast pitch softball fields, 2 soccer/football fields, a concession stand and bathroom facilities.

Jessie L. Holliman Park is located at 1016 Tuskegee Street. This facility has youth playground equipment.

H.O. Dabney Recreation Complex is located at 1080 Beecher Street, across the street from Carver Middle School. There is a swimming pool and bathhouse. The pool offers a full size water basketball court in the shallow section and two enclosed slides in the deep area. There are also six picnic tables.

Susan Street Recreation Complex is located at 940 Susan Street. This facility has tennis courts, outdoor racquetball courts, ball fields, and a picnic area.

Palmetto Street Complex is located at 310 South Palmetto Street. This facility has 4 tennis courts and 24 shuffleboard courts.

Leesburg Community Building is located at 109 East Dixie Avenue. This has banquet, reception, and meeting facilities. For reservations, call 728-9898.

The Historic Mote-Morris House is located at 1195 West Magnolia Street. It is open for free tours every second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This historical house is available public meetings, receptions, wedding, etc. For reservations or information, call 728-9898.

Leesburg Cultural Arts Building is located at 201 East Dixie Avenue. This has meeting facilities. For reservations, call 728-9898.

Leesburg Historic Museum is located at 111 South 6th Street. The hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Magnolia Trail: Runs parallel with Magnolia Street between Palmetto Street and the Mote Morris House. Designed for walkers and bikers; lined with benches and outdoor exercise equipment and is 7/10 of a mile long. This trail will become a part of Rails to Trails.

Unless noted otherwise, City of Leesburg parks are open from dawn to dusk.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Soccer

Jr Soccer – ages 7-9
Sr. Soccer – ages 9-13
Begins Mid October

Basketball

BittyBall ages 5-6
Begins Mid October
Start Smart Basketball
Begins November
Junior Basketball ages 7-9
Begins January
Hot Shots Basketball 10-12
Begins January



2011 HOME GAME SCHEDULE

Fri., June 3rd
Sun., June 5th
Thur., June 9th
Tue., June 14th
Wed., June 15th
Thur., June 16th
Sat., June 18th
Sun., June 19th
Tue., June 21st
Wed., June 22nd
Sun., June 26th
Thur., June 30th
Sat., July 2nd
Mon., July 4th (6pm)
Wed., July 6th
Fri., July 8th
Sun July 10th
Fri., July 15th
Sat., July 16th
Tue., July 19th
Tue., July 26th
Fri., July 29th
Playoff Dates
Aug 2 – Aug 7

**Home games are played at:
Pat Thomas Stadium
240 Ballpark Road
Leesburg, FL 34748**

**All games start at 7pm unless
otherwise noted –
Sunday games start at 5pm -
ADMISSION IS FREE**

**For more information on the
Leesburg Lightning visit
www.leesburglightning.com**

**Rainout Information Line:
(352) 435-9450**